

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

**Routine Proceedings, pages S975–S1005**

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-nine bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 991–1019, and S. Res. 126–132. **Pages S999–S1000**

**Measures Reported:**

Special Report entitled “Activities of the Committee on Finance During the 117th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 118–4)

Special Report entitled “Report of the Select Committee on Intelligence United States Senate covering the period of January 3, 2021 to January 3, 2023”. (S. Rept. No. 118–5) **Page S998**

**Measures Passed:**

**National Women’s History Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 129, designating March 2023 as “National Women’s History Month”. **Page S989**

**National Work Zone Awareness Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 130, supporting the designation of the week of April 17 to April 21, 2023, as “National Work Zone Awareness Week”. **Page S989**

**Blood Donation Drive:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 131, authorizing the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate to conduct a blood donation drive on March 30, 2023. **Page S989**

**Authorize Testimony and Representation:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 132, to authorize testimony and representation in *United States v. Grillo*. **Page S989**

**Measures Considered:**

**Authorizations for Use of Military Force Against Iraq—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of S. 316, to repeal the authorizations for use of military force against Iraq, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S975–89**

Pending:

Schumer Amendment No. 15, to add an effective date. **Page S975**

Rejected:

By 47 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 71), Johnson Amendment No. 11, to require any convention, agreement, or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response reached

by the World Health Assembly to be subject to Senate ratification. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 23, 2023, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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By 31 yeas to 65 nays (Vote No. 72), Ricketts Amendment No. 30, to require a certification. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 23, 2023, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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By 41 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 73), Cruz Amendment No. 9, to provide findings related to the President’s constitutional authority to use military force to protect the United States and United States interests. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 23, 2023, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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By 38 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 74), Sullivan Amendment No. 33, to provide that nothing shall be construed to hinder the ability of the United States to respond rapidly and decisively to any attacks by Iran or its proxy forces. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 23, 2023, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

**Pages S983–84**

By 33 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 75), Scott (FL) Amendment No. 13, to establish a Joint Select Committee on Afghanistan to conduct a full investigation and compile a joint report on the United States withdrawal from Afghanistan. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 23, 2023, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

**Pages S987–88**

By 26 yeas to 68 nays (Vote No. 76), Hawley Amendment No. 40, to establish the Office of the Special Inspector General for Ukraine Assistance. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 23, 2023, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

**Pages S988–89**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, March 29, 2023; that at 11:30 a.m., all post-cloture time be considered expired, the pending amendment be withdrawn, no further amendments or motions be

in order to the bill, and Senate vote on passage of the bill; that following disposition of the bill, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 870, to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to authorize appropriations for the United States Fire Administration and firefighter assistance grant programs; and that there be two minutes for debate, equally divided, prior to each roll call vote.

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**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2024; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; which was referred to the Committees on Appropriations; and the Budget. (PM–5)

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**Messages from the House:** Page S997

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**Additional Statements:** Pages S995–96

**Amendments Submitted:** Page S1005

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** Page S1005

**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—76) Pages S981–84, S988–89

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:20 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 29, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1005.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Navy and Marine Corps, after receiving testimony from Carlos Del Toro, Secretary of the Navy, Admiral Michael M. Gilday, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, and General David H. Berger, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DOJ

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Merrick B. Garland, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Ronald T. Keohane, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary, Nickolas Guertin, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and 27 nominations in the Air Force, Marine Corps, and Navy, all of the Department of Defense.

### DOD BUDGET

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Lloyd J. Austin III, Secretary, Michael J. McCord, Under Secretary (Comptroller), and General Mark A. Milley, USA, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, all of the Department of Defense.

### NAVY AND MARINE CORPS INVESTMENT PROGRAMS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower concluded a hearing to examine Navy and Marine Corps investment programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2024 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Frederick J. Stefany, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development, and Acquisition), Vice Admiral Scott Conn, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Warfighting Requirements and Capabilities (OPNAV N9), and Lieutenant General Karsten S. Heckl, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Combat Development and Integration, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, all of the Department of Defense.

### REGIONAL NUCLEAR DETERRENCE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine regional nuclear deterrence, after receiving testimony from Brad Roberts, Director, Center for Global Security Research, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Department of Energy; and M. Elaine Bunn, and Gregory Weaver, both of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Evan B. Montgomery,